Confiscation of assets of terrorists and drug traffickers

958. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Britain have agreed to sign a bilateral agreement on the confiscation of 'terrorists and drug traffickers' assets; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Discussions are being held between India and Britain on concluding a possible agreement concerning the tracing, restraint and confiscation of the proceeds and instruments of crime and terrorist funds. The first round of discussions on the proposed agreement was held in India in Jan. 91. The second round of the negotiations is to be held in London in the near future.

Visit of US Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific armed Forces to Indo-Pak Border in Kashmir

959. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Armed Forces and his nine member delegation has recently visited the Indo-Pak border in Kashmir, particularly the points of tension along the line of actual control;

(b) if so, the purpose of the visit of US Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Armed Forces to Kashmir;

(c) whether the US team has expressed any views on Indo-Pak border issue; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The purpose of the visit was to show the visitors the situation along the Line of Control and tension created by large-scale infiltration of trained terrorists along with arms and ammunition across the Line of Control.

(c) and (d) The team felt that it had gained a better appreciation of the situation on the ground.

विदेश मंत्री की मास्को यात्रा का स्थगित किया जाना

960. **श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा :** क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विदेश मंत्री की मास्को यात्रा स्थगित कर दी गई है ; यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि यह यात्रा सोवियत संघ के अनुरोध पर ही तय की गई थी ; और

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि प्रस्तावित यात्रा की तारीख कभी भी तय नहीं की गई थी ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुआर्डो फेलेरियो) : (क) जी, नहीं । विदेश मंत्री सोवियत संघ के भूतपूर्व विदेश मंत्री, श्री बोरिस पंकिन के निमंत्रण पर 14 से 18 नवम्बर, 1991 तक मास्को की सरकारी यात्रा पर गये थे ।

(ख) जी, हां ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Talks on payments of expenditure for the Srilankan refugees

961. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 316 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th November, 1991 and state: